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(b) if so, what the reasons of the Collector are in now ordering that the lands should be brought under No. 7 account and not under 6?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Administration of Justice

Representation of Jains in the cadre of District Munsifs.

* 532 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there have been applications from any Jain members of the Bar for selection of Munsifs by the High Court within the last six years; if so, how many applied and how many were selected; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take or have taken in the matter of giving adequate representation to the Jain community?

A.—(a) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

(b) Under section 7 of the Madras Civil Courts Act, 1873, the appointment of District Munsifs vests in the High Court. The principle of communal representation does not apply to these appointments.

Permanent vacancies in the cadre of District Judges, Sub-Judges and District Munsifs remaining unfilled.

* 533 Q.—Mr. Mahboob Ali Baig: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many permanent vacancies there are at present of District Judges, Sub-Judges and District Munsifs;

(b) for how long a time the said vacancies have remained without being filled up; and

(c) what the reasons are for not filling up the said vacancies?

A.—(a) *District Judges.*—Two in the posts to be held by officers of the Indian Civil Service and six in those to be filled by the promotion of members of the Provincial Civil Service (Judicial Branch) and by appointment from the Bar and other sources.

Sub-Judges and District Munsifs.—Eighteen vacancies in the posts of Sub-Judges and ten in the posts of District Munsifs.

(b) *District Judges.*—The dates of the eight vacancies are—

Indian Civil Service vacancies.—4th July 1932 and 13th May 1933.

Other vacancies.—16th December 1934, 16th January 1935, 20th April 1935, 1st July 1935, 18th September 1935 and 24th September 1935.

Sub-Judges.—16th August 1933, 27th September 1933, 4th October 1933, 15th October 1933, 24th October 1933, 16th November 1933, 16th January 1934, 16th

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January 1934, 16th February 1934, 6th May 1934, 1st September 1934, 2nd October 1934, 16th December 1934, 29th December 1934, 31st January 1935, 16th April 1935, 16th July 1935 and 9th August 1935.

District Munsifs.—27th November 1933, 16th December 1933, 17th January 1934, 26th November 1934, 3rd December 1934, 25th December 1934, 5th February 1935, 16th June 1935, 8th August 1935 and 15th September 1935.

(*c*) *District Judges.*—The two vacancies to be filled by officers of the Indian Civil Service have been kept unfilled for administrative reasons. As regards the remaining six the Public Service Commission (India) has to be consulted before permanent appointments are made in such vacancies. This inevitably takes time.

Sub-Judges and District Munsifs.—Orders regarding the confirmation of Sub-Judges had to be kept pending the issue of orders filling up the vacancy in the cadre of District and Sessions Judges.

The High Court has to issue orders regarding the confirmation of District Munsifs. These orders have apparently been held up pending the issue of orders regarding the confirmation of Sub-Judges.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"In view of the fact that by delaying the filling up of these district judges' posts, etc., the subordinate judges and munsifs are foregoing their increments and promotions, may I ask what steps the Government propose to take to avoid these difficulties to the subordinate officers?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"These delays are not intentional; they are inevitable under the system now existing."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"Out of the six posts of district judges to be filled by the promotion of the Provincial Civil Service and by appointment from the Bar and other sources, how many were filled by promotion?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"I want notice, Sir."

Applications from the Depressed Classes for appointments in the Civil Courts in Tinnevelly district.

* 534 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether applications were received from the members of both the Depressed Class Hindus and the Depressed Class Christians for the posts of clerks, amins or attenders in the Civil Courts of Tinnevelly district from 1930 to 1935;

(*b*) if so, how many; and

(*c*) how they were disposed of?

A.—The Government have no information.